

AMERICAN STATES WATER CO

Form 8-K

January 21, 2004

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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) October 30, 2003

AMERICAN STATES WATER COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

California
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

333-47647
(Commission File Number)

95-4676679
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

630 East Foothill Blvd
San Dimas, California
(Address of principal
executive offices)

91773
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (909) 394-3600

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Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On January 20, 2004, American States Water Company announced that it will book a \$3.5 million pre-tax charge to 2003 earnings as a direct result of a Proposed Decision by the California Public Utilities Commission, received in late December, regarding the settlement agreement between Southern California Water Company and the City of Santa Monica over the Charnock Basin contamination. A copy of the Company's press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: January 20, 2004

AMERICAN STATES WATER COMPANY

/s/ McClellan Harris III

McClellan Harris III
Sr. Vice President, Chief Financial Officer,
Treasurer and Secretary

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Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release dated January 20, 2004